

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the Office Action issued February 22, 2005, claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Brittan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,199,078. Claims 4 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Brittan and Johnson, U.S. Patent No. 5,721,847. Claims 5, and 7-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, ¶2, as being indefinite. Claim 8 was objected to as having typographical errors.

Claims 1, 3-5, and 7-8 are now pending in this application. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 8 has been amended to correct typographical errors.

The present invention is not anticipated by, nor obvious in view of, the references relied upon in the Office Action, as the prior art references do not disclose or suggest the claimed features of the present invention.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the present invention according to claims 1, 3, 5, and 7 is not anticipated by Brittan. Brittan discloses a method and system for calculating values for fields interrelated by circular formulas in a data network is described. The system contains a first calculator for which a first field serves as an input value and a second field serves as an output and a second calculator for which the second field serves as an input value and the first field serves as an output. A conflict checker determines whether a circular conflict

exists after input of the input value into the first field or the second field, and a conflict resolver resolves the conflict by suppressing the input value in the first field or second field upon determination of the circular conflict. Brittan also discloses programming methods and processing systems for use in connection with a spreadsheet application program having a plurality of fields capable of storing a plurality of values. Brittan only discloses the method and system in the context of a spreadsheet application. Brittan does not disclose or suggest application of the method and system to a database, and indeed, does not even mention a database.

By contrast, the present invention, for example according to claim 1, requires a system for enabling entry and display of data in a database and requires stored information that enables attributes relating to a data item stored on the database corresponding to the data field to be displayed upon user command while the form continues to be displayed and which defines one or more data items stored on the database other than the data item corresponding to the at least one data field. Brittan does not disclose or suggest this, or any relation between the method and system of Brittan and a database.

Thus, the present invention according to claims 1 and 5, and according to claims 3 and 7, which depend therefrom, is not anticipated by Brittan.

The applicant respectfully submits that the present invention according to claims 4 and 8 is not obvious over the combination of Brittan and Johnson. The combination of Brittan and Johnson still does not disclose or suggest the features

of the present invention, as recited by claims 1 and 5, which are not disclosed by Brittan alone. Since claims 4 and 8 depend from claims 1 and 5, respectively, this means that the combination of Brittan and Johnson does not disclose all of the claimed features recited by claims 4 and 8. Thus, claims 4 and 8 are not obvious in view of the combination of Brittan and Johnson.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present invention is allowable over the references relied upon in the Office Action. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of this case and early issuance of the Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

Additional Fees:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 (19111.0056).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Schwartz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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